timely information available to the media. However, Government has activated its efforts by convening the meetings of the Departmental Publicity Officers and the nodal officers of the respective Departments to further ensure greater and regular flow of information to the Press.

Production of films in India

2340. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total production of films in India during the last three years; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for their import substitution ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Production of films in India being largely in the private sector, the Government has no information about the total production of films in the country. However, the number of Indian feature films (celluloid) certified by Central Board of Film Certification during the last years is as under :

Year	No. of films certified
1989	781
1990	948
1991	910

(b) India is one of the largest film producing countries in the world and therefore we have enough of our own films. However, some foreign films are imported with the basic objective of encouraging creative interaction between Indian and international cinema and also giving an opportunity to Indian film makers to become familiar with latest trends in filmmaking in the world. It is, therefore, felt that there is no need for any import substitution.

Restrictions on Broadcast of Political Commentaries of Than Than Nu

2341. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has seen press reports in which Mrs. Than Than Nu, daughter of the former Prime Minister of Burma, U Nu has complained that her political commentaries in the Burmese section of the All India Radio beamed to Burma have been discontinued under restrictions imposed; and

(b) if so, what are these restrictions and other details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTERY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have taken note of the contents of the Press reports. Mrs. Than Than Nu, a Staff Artist on contract, has been assigned non-broadcasting duties as a result of All India Radio's internal re-organization. Since July this year, Mrs. Nu is back on her broadcasting assignments twice a week on the Burmese Service of All India Radio.

***Suspension* of Doordarshan Staff**

2342. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the production staff of Doordarshan have been suspended; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Two officials of Doordarshan were placed under suspension as disciplinary action was contemplated against them. The suspension orders have since been withdrawn following an agreement whereby the production staff agreed to restore normalcy.